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Letter dated 17 September 1992 from the representatives of Argentina, Brazil and Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the declaration made by the delegation of the Federative Republic of Brazil, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Argentine Republic and the Republic of Chile, at the seventh special session of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL), held at Mexico City on 26 August 1992 (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 142.

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ANNEX

Declaration made by the delegation of the Federative Republic of Brazil, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Argentine Republic and the Republic of Chile, at the seventh special session of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL), held at Mexico City on 26 August 1992

On behalf of the countries which originally proposed the amendments to the Treaty of Tlatelolco which this Conference has just adopted, I wish to express profound gratitude to the nations of Latin America and the Caribbean for the flexibility and solidarity which have characterized this meeting.

We are also especially grateful to the Government of Mexico for all the efficient arrangements it made to ensure that our meeting took place as promptly and successfully as we had hoped. We are also grateful to the OPANAL secretariat for its invaluable contribution to the work done here.

On this occasion, on behalf of the Governments of Argentina, Brazil and Chile, I have the honour to make the following declaration:

The Governments of the Argentine Republic, the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Republic of Chile:

Whereas paragraph 2 of article 28 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean provides that all signatory States shall have the imprescriptible right to waive, wholly or in part, the requirements laid down in paragraph 1 of that article and that they may do so by means of a declaration which shall be annexed to their respective instrument of ratification and which may be formulated at the time of deposit of the instrument or subsequently,

Hereby declare that, as soon as the three countries have completed the procedures for ratifying the text of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, as amended, they will waive all the requirements set forth in paragraph 1 of article 28 of the Treaty that still remain to be met.